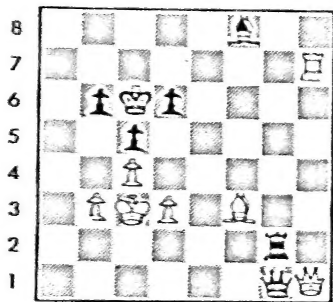
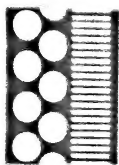


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Thank you. - Let's Play Chess!

CHESS CHALLENGE

If anyone is interested in a Chess match, Please send me an outline of your match conditions. Choose your time controls, number of rounds, etc. The Game site will be the Central Dakota Chess Club Room, in the Memorial Building at 215 W. 6th St., Bismarck, ND. I can play every Saturday and some weeknights. There will be no smoking at any time in the club room. Bring your DMR ID card and \$10.00 minimum entry fee. Players under 1800 can request odds (You score X number of pts. before I score Y, automatically).

Jerry Tripps
403 1st Ave. NW
Mandan, ND 58554

JOHN LEITEL RECUPERATING

Just a note to John Leitell to wish him a speedy recovery. It was brought to our attention that Mr. Leitell recently underwent surgery to remove a gall stone. We are glad to hear that he is feeling much better.

NDCA

W ABOUT CHESS... By LaMoyné Splichal

Greeting fellow chessplayers! I have been disappointed to hear everybody's hobby 1987, and a year ago just at the time when I hope many of you can attend more NDCA events about the game.

What follows is a few notes..., hopefully not just taking up space for the newsletter. This is my 2¢ worth, er... my 3¢ worth, yes that's the ticket!

- Two major events are coming up fast for North Dakota chess. Start preparing to attend. The 1987 ND Scholastic chess tournament is set for March 28-29, at the Bismarck Convention Center. This is the state's best chance to continue & carry on, with the game of chess in ND. Last tournament we had 107 students competing for state individual & team titles! Pass the word on the scholastic, and maybe we can top last year's extravaganza. - Of course, the other major event is the state chess championship, the 1987 North Dakota Closed! This is your chance to win the state chess title, or win a class championship. The tournament promises to be bigger than ever, with bigger cash prizes and impressive trophies. It's April 11-12 weekend on your calendar, and reserve room also at the Bismarck Ramada, for a relaxing chess vacation!

- Speaking of the scholastic, there are students who need teachers, just basic chess instruction. Maybe someone in your town would like a chess teacher. All it takes is a volunteer, like you! USCF has materials that can help you set up a program. I recently was asked again to teach (luckyme!) at a local elementary school. Terry Ness (Bismarck), Mike Sailer (Bismarck), Ed Lutgen (Minot), and Brent Askvig (Minot) have also provided programs to schools, as well as school teachers who volunteer.

- Contrary to some rumors, NDCA is not dying. Granted we are surviving on a thin thread..., but it is a strong one. Even though low tournament turnouts abound in the 1980s, I am encouraged by the overall improvement of games by the players involved. As long as there are chess enthusiasts, NDCA will have activities for its members. We always welcome ideas for improving ND chess!

- Dave Rosley recently noted he's now settled in the Chicago area, leaving the state in October. Dave has visited some area chess clubs, competing against those 2000 and over rated giants. He also joined the Chicago Industrial Chess League, with teams playing with area company chess teams. NDCA thanks Dave for his past service to North Dakota chess, good luck in the big city! (Dave Rosley's new address is 2301 Beau Monde Ln, #304 - Des Plaines Illinois 60532)

- In this issue take a look at the USCF Ratings list. Many chessplayers have obtained their highest ratings in '86. If we had a Rookie of the Year Award, Clifford Berger would've won in 1985, skyrocketing to a 1843 rating. In 1986 Mike Sailer would be a sure thing, with a 1686 rating still climbing.

Complimentary issues of the newsletter are distributed, so we can attract new members to the state chess chapter. At year's end, NDCA has 83 (paid card carrying) members. However, we can double the membership, as there are USCF members who don't subscribe. There are other chessplayers left in the dark about ND Chess News! So now is the time to join NDCA or renew your state chess membership. Thank you.

Let's Play Chess!

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

With Christmas just over, and New Year's following shortly, greetings to one and all with hopes that all are having one fine holiday. First I will start with some old business. Somner Sorenson notes that the cross-table for the ND Open had an error in it. In round 4, Dorset lost to Schkowitz. For that reason, you will note a 2nd printing of the ND Open Cross-Table elsewhere in this issue. Elsewhere, you will note a renewal of a standing challenge by Jerry Triggs to any and all takers. Further old business... You will not find any cross tables for the Dakota Blizzards, in December. They were organized by Jerry Triggs. My condolences to Jerry for the work he put in for nothing. You see, both events fell thru for lack of attendance. Only Jerry and Mike Sailer showed up for the 1st event, and the same two only for the 2nd event. Mike Sailer showed up to direct the 1st event and I was there to take care of the 2nd. When does events being scheduled at the Christmas season, it is understandable why people would have many other things to do. Yet, never-the-less, this is indicative of a growing trend in ND Chess. One pauses to wonder how we can attract new competition when the regulars don't even bother to show up. There are certainly some hardy individuals who never seem to let an organizer down. Yes, where are all the rest? With a membership steadily over 50 players, why is there only a small cadre of 10 or less that show up

regularly? We see that few show up for half the tournaments or more. Why do the other 70 or so regular members show up for only 1 or 2 events per year, if at all? What is necessary for directors and organizers to do to get people to show up for 4 or 5 events per year. One-day events are not doing the trick. Two-day, 5-round events are not doing the trick. International competition is not doing the trick. Higher prize values or greater prize distribution are not doing the trick. What does it take to break the apathy? Clearly, no individual can be blamed when we are all doing such a wonderful job of teamwork!!! That being the case, it is highly possible that Chess in North Dakota will leave the state. I hope that that does not happen, and towards assuring that my hopes are fulfilled, I am making a New Year's resolution to improve my game through experience by participating in at least 10 events this year. I don't expect others to make such a commitment, but I do hope that all of the members of the NDCA will make the effort to attend at least 5 events in 1987. Of particular importance, please, please, make every effort possible to attend the ND Closed in April, and the ND Open, next October.

New Business.... Dave Rosley has left the state. He moved to Chicago to take a new job. I want to join with others in thanking Dave for the job he has done over the past few years as an organizer, director, NDCA officer, and participant in ND Chess. His smiling countenance and wit will be missed.... Wishes of good luck as well to Dave's successor as President of the NDCA, Ron Schauer of Jamestown. As a past officer, organizer, and director, Ron is experienced and eminently qualified to lead the NDCA thru the thin times that beset the local chess scene.

A special note of congratulations to Terry Ness whose many efforts on the scholastic chess scene are beginning to blossom, especially in Bismarck. As well, a note of appreciation to Mike Sailer who has joined in the effort by helping in the organization of a chess club at Pioneer School, in Bismarck.

Finally, What is being done in regard to the ND Chess Hall of Fame? It would be good if all the members of the NDCA could consider the possibility of adding the name of Somner Sorenson to the list of ND legends. I am not sure if the requirements of the hall permit out-of-state individuals to receive this honor, but if they don't, in Somner's case, I think an exception should be made. Residing just

across the border in Moorhead, MN, Somner has been a long time influence on the ND chess scene. His constant and many efforts over the past 3 or 4 decades have resulted in many tournaments and have given many, myself included, the chance to experience organized chess at its best. Unstinting in giving of himself, he is a paragon of chess at its best. The heart and soul of Max Euwe's famous quote, "If your only concern is to win, you will never be great." Somner is great in all the ways that count, and I think he should be recognized for that.

Joseph Gagner,
Editor, NDCA Newsletter

Dear fellow chess players,

1986 had many chess tournaments with small numbers of players. I myself, due to business, played in the fewest tournaments I have played in in many years. It is rare that when going to a chess tournament in N.D. that you don't play someone you have played many times over the past. There is no doubt that N.D. chess needs a shot in the arm. One of the few bright spots is the scholastic. It will prove to be the survival of N.D. chess. Another bright spot is the North Dakota Closed. It is the one time during the year that you want to play fellow N.Dakotans so that we can say just where we stand in N.D. chess. I ask, I expect as many fellow chess players as possible to play in the 1987 closed. I know many of you were like me and didn't play in many tournaments during 1986 and I URGE you to be at the 1987 closed and at the 1987 state meeting. It is the one event during the year that should be taken in. Therefore: "I MAKE A PERSONAL REQUEST TO ALL NORTH DAKOTA CHESS PLAYERS TO ATTEND THE 1987 NORTH DAKOTA CLOSED".

Now that that is out of the way I hope many of you will send me or LaMoyné your ideas on how to make N.D. chess grow. What do we need? What do we need in events and tournaments? How should we improve tournaments and number of NDCA members? If each member does one little thing then a lot of things will get done. If each member gave an NDCA membership as a gift sometime in 1987 we would double our membership. Even if you are not a very active tournament player you still can belong and receive the NDCA newsletter and keep up with the game.

From a lover of chess.


RONALD R. SCHAUER

CHESS NOTICE

A note to directors - I will no longer compete in any tournament that allows smoking in the tournament room, either during or between rounds. If your tournament is a NO SMOKING tournament, place NS in the ad and enforce it at the site. Thank You.

Jerry Triggs



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!

January 10-11, 1987. Prairie Pawnstorm I & II.
@ Ivanhoe Inn, 22 E. Villard, Dickinson, ND
Two 1-day rated events. Entry: \$6, \$10 for
both days. 3 round swiss, cash prizes based
on number of entries. Time limit, 30/1 hr.,
then Game/1 hr. Reg: 9-9:45 am, Rds. are at
10 - 1:30 - 5.

January 10-11, 1987. Prairie Pawnstorm Novice!
same site as above. Two 1-day unrated tourneys,
open to players who have played less than 20
USCF rated games. Entry: \$2.00 each day.
Prizes based on entries. No chess clocks, 3
hours to complete game. Reg: 9-9:45 am, Sat.
or Sunday. Games at 10 - 1:30 - 5.
SEND pre-entries or questions to L. Splichal,
141 East 5th, Dickinson, ND 58601 (Ph 225-8395)

Stay at the Ivanhoe Inn! Single room is only
\$15.95, plus other great rates for more chess
players. Site has 24-hr. restaurant & a lounge

Take your move!



Announcing the
1987 North Dakota Postal Chess Championship

Prizes - 1st: \$25.00, 2nd: \$15.00, 3rd: \$10.00
(more prizes based on number of entries)

States chess-by-mail tournament is open to all residents of North Dakota, who are in good standing with NDSA.

Entry fee: only \$7.00 - covers all taxes.

Deadline to enter is February 15, 1987.

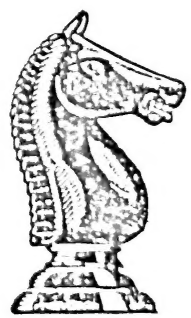
Play begins on March 1.

Format: Players will be divided into sections by USCF (otb) rating, previous postal experience will also be considered. - Players are set to compete in 6-10 games in a round robin. If there are alot of entries, the top players in each section will play a 2nd round.

Send entries to: '87 ND Postal tmt. director.

LaMoyné Splichal
141 East 5th, Dickinson ND 58601

Let's Play Chess!



Announcing
the

1987 NORTH DAKOTA CLOSED

(our state chess championship)

April 11-12, 1987
Doublewood Ramada Inn
Bismarck, ND



\$500 in prizes!!!
Class Champ Trophies!
Don't miss it!!

USCF Rated.
A five round swiss.
Time Limit: Rd. 1, 45/100
Rds. 2-5, 45/2 hrs.,
then 15/30 min.

Schedule:
Late Registration, 9-9:45 Sat.
Round 1 - 10:00 AM, Sat.

NDSA Annual Membership
Meeting, 2:30 pm, Sat.
Round 2 - 3:00 PM, Sat.
Round 3 - 8:00 PM, Sat.
Round 4 - 10:00 AM, Sun.
Round 5 - 3:00 PM, Sun.

Send pre-entries to:
LaMoyné Splichal
141 East 5th, Dickinson ND 58601

Open to residents only,
of North Dakota!

Entry fees:
\$15, if rec'd by Apr. 15,
and \$9 for juniors.
- \$3 more at the site.
(No Smoking in tourn. room)

Earlybird Speed Chess
Tourney!
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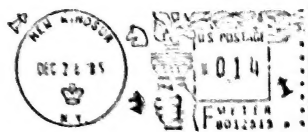


1986 POSTAL CHAMPION - CLIFFORD BERGER

Clifford Berger of Dickinson has cinched the 1986 North Dakota Postal Chess Championship, with a score of 5½ out of 6 points. Although 3 games remain to be played in the tournament (LaMoyné has two games with B. Loup, and one in progress w/J. Wetsch), no other player in the four-man round robin event can catch Berger. The new champion scored victories over LaMoyné Splichal (2 wins), John Wetsch (2 wins), and Bill Loup (1 win), and drew his final game with Loup. The complete collection of games of the '86 ND Postal Chess Champ., will be published in a future Newsletter.

- Brent Askvig, 1986 ND tournament postal director. -

Play in the '87 ND Postal!
Match your skills against NDCA players!!
Save some gas \$\$\$, play by mail, & win \$\$\$!
See ad in the newsletter!



Chess Correspondence Comments...

Bill Loup, who now resides in Buffalo SD, recently noted his new postal rating of 1586. Bill's fine efforts by mail got me thinking of the contrasts between postal and OTB.

Over to the right is a postal rating list, of North Dakotans who have played in USCF games. Recently the ratings were converted to a system that "almost" reflects that of over-the-board play.

Here are some off the wall observations. - Rex Kriedeman has an impressive rating; could it be an error, is Rex strong in postal? His otb rating is 1310! - Roger Schultz is restricted to opponents playing by mail, unable to travel to events. - A small percentage plays postal, yet it is the best way to play chess, at your leisure. - Some players just dabble in postal, others play lots of games, like Case, Askvig, etc., and still find time for tournaments.

USCF Postal Ratings, 12/86.

2091 Rex E. Kriedeman, Kief
1806 Michael Sprague, Minot
1804 Roger D. Schultz, Bismarck
1788 John Leitell, Almont
1569 Floyd E. Wilson, Bismarck
1513 Silvano A. Bentzel, Minot
1465 R.L. Laux-Bachand, Minot
1464 David R. Myers, Bismarck
1443 Gary Albrightson, G. Forks
1422 Roger W. Buerkle, Fargo
1416 Vernon Keszler, Fargo
1413 Brent A. Askvig, Minot
1411 Rick Case, Minot
1349 Patrick Noehre, Fargo
1324 Charles Ross, Jr., Arthur
1305 Dale R. Sailer, Bismarck
1293 Ronald B. Barnes, Jamestown
1256 John P. Stanfield, Antler
1233 Richard N. Watts, G.F. AFB
1158 Richard McLaughlin, Fargo
1142 David J. Kjos, Minot
1093 John R. Wetsch, Bismarck

- Do you have postal thoughts?!

Send ideas to me, thanks! - LaMoyné.

MATCH RESULTS

Merry Triggs	10
ohn Wetsch	0
Merry Triggs	4
ike Sailer	0
Merry Triggs	2
ike Sailer	0
eve Lengenfelder	3
ike Sailer	1

RESULTS FROM FARGO/MOORHEAD TEAM MATCH - 11/13/86

Fargo		Moorhead	
S. A. Popel	- 1	Sommer Sorenson	- 0
Steve Turmo	- 1	Dr. Gerald Heuer	- 0
Gerald Fauske	- 1	M. Fjeldseth	- 0
Dr. Cal Wipf	- 0	Dr. R. G. Wirth	- 1
Cam Starr	- 1	Chad Scott	- 0
Gerald Fiechtner	- 1	J. Robert Hanson	- 0
Gerard Morris	- 1	J. Meehleib	- 0
Pat Noehre	- 0	Darren Huebner	- 1
	6		2

22nd North Dakota Open Fargo ND 10/17-19/86 TD: Sorenson

Name	rtg	r. 1	r. 2	r. 3	r. 4	r. 5	r. 6	tot	Swiss	Pos
1. Nels Truelson	2325	+10	+5	+13	+3	-2	+7	5	24	
2. S. A. Popel	2157	=23	+17	+6	+11	+1	=4	5	21	
3. Stephen Turmo	2059	+14	+7	+4	-1	=11	+8	4	22	
4. Robert Carlin	2195	+22	+12	-3	+5	+13	=2	4	22	
5. John Stanfield	1866	+18	-1	+9	-4	+22	+11	4		
6. Jeff Silas	1980	+24	+9	-2	=7	-8	+12	3	21	
7. Ron Doose	1823	+26	-3	+22	=6	+17	-1	3	19	
8. Richard Herr	1804	+27	-13	=14	+20	+6	-3	3	17	
9. Cam Starr	1759	+15	-6	-5	+19	+1	+20	3	15	
10. Calvin Wipf	1753	-1	+18	-12	bye	+21	+22	3	14	
11. John J. Bier	1872	=19	+23	+25	-2	=3	-5	3	13	14
12. Rick Case	1827	+21	-4	+10	-13	+24	-6	3	13	13
13. Jon Helmarck	2090	+16	+8	-1	+12	-4	wd	3	13	11
14. Mike Sailer	1546	-3	+26	=8	-17	=23	+25	3	13	
15. Chad Scott	N	-9	=24	-18	=26	+27	+23	3	12	
16. Arthur W. Bayley	1593	-13	+27	=17	+25	bye	wd	3	8	
17. Bruce Meyer	1801	+20	-2	=16	+14	-7	wd	2	17	
18. Richard Dorset	1425	-5	-10	+15	=24	=19	+27	2	16	
19. Joseph Gagner	1443	=11	-25	=24	-15	=18	+26	2	14	
20. Alan Verbitsky	1110	-17	bye	=23	-8	+25	-9	2	13	
21. Gordon Hanson	1332	-12	-22	+26	=23	-10	bye	2	11	
22. Alan Phipps	1643	-4	+21	-7	+27	-5	-10	2	18	15
23. Gerald Heuer	1593	=2	-11	=20	=21	=14	-15	2	18	11
24. Konrad Sobkowicz	1507	-6	=15	=13	+18	-12	wd	2	14	
25. Orhan Erdem	1606	bye	+19	-11	-16	-20	-14	1	14	8
26. Steve Thomas	1317	-7	-14	-21	=15	bye	-19	-1	14	8
27. Jason Isaacson	1176	-8	-16	bye	-22	-15	-18	1		

9th BISMARCK OPEN

November 1-2, 1986
TL: 45/2; 15/30.

@ Doublewood Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND
Tmt. Director: Dale R. Sailer

Ratings

Chessplayer	Pre	Post	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Pts.
1 Rick Case, Minot	1765	1840	W4	D2	W5	D6	W3	--	--	4
2 Jerry Triggs, Mandan	1941	1936	W6	D1	L3	W5	--	--	D4	3
3 Mike Sailer, Bismarck	1605	1686	L5	W4	W2	--	L1	W6	--	3
4 LaMoyné Splichal, Dickinson	1691	1714	L1	L3	W6	--	--	D5	D2	2
5 Richard E. Herr, Wishek	1843	1814	W3	L6	L1	L2	--	D4	--	1
6 Clifford Berger, Dickinson	1767	1757	L2	W5	L4	D1	--	L3	--	1

Bis. Open Tmt. Report - by LaMoyné Splichal

Hey readers, you noticed the low turnout at the 9th Bismarck Open! What was anticipated to be a big event of the chess season, (adv. as a 5 round swiss) turned into only a handful of players. However, those players came to the event to play chess(!), regardless of the no-shows.

With six players there, we could of abandoned the swiss for an ideal round robin. (1765 was average of players there!) But we did not, regretfully, so Dale Sailer and the tournament field "suffered" with making swiss pairings. On Saturday night, we came upon a major obstacle; no combination of the remaining games could be played at the same time! Luckily Rick Case had a brainstorm of staggering Sunday's games, in order to play everybody. We had a round robin after all, in a swiss round about way!

Case showed he was the better player, in that tough little field over the weekend. He went undefeated (3 wins & 2 draws), collecting \$40, and the championship trophy. Tying for 2nd place, were Jerry Triggs & Mike Sailer, who each collected \$18 at event. - In 1987, we look forward for more players at 10th Bismarck Open!

"North Dakota's Top Chessplayers"

(USCF players in the state, noting latest USCF ratings, rec. 12/13/86.)

Chessplayer	City	USCF Rating
1. Richard Herr	Bismarck	2157
2. David J. Triggs	Bismarck	2080
3. Lyle Hanson	Bismarck	1970
4. John P. Stanfield	Antler	1922
5. Bruce Davidson	Bismarck	1906
6. Ronald R. Schauer	Jamestown	1891
7. Perry Ness	Bismarck	1885
8. Gilbert Fenne	Jamestown	1880
9. David J. Triggs	Bismarck	1870
10. John Langton	Minot	1804
11. Michael Sprague	Minot	1859
12. Rick Case	Minot	1840
13. Richard Herr	Wishek	1814
14. David J. Lindseth	Rugby	1797
15. Frederick Lobdell	Grand Forks	1797
16. Brent A. Askvig	Minot	1791
17. Richard Herr	Fargo	1777
18. Kevin J. Furlong	Minot	1775
19. Calvin Wolf	Fargo	1772
20. David R. Myers	Bismarck	1764
21. Clifford Berger	Dickinson	1757
22. Cameron Starr	Fargo	1746
23. LaMoynne Splichal	Dickinson	1714
24. Edward M. Lutgen	Minot	1697
25. Lee Feldmann	Minot	1694
26. Mike Sailer	Bismarck	1686
27. Douglas R. Stoneking	Minot	1682
28. Brian Langton	Crary	1668
29. David A. Rosley	Fargo	1645
30. John F. Anderson	Bottineau	1614

1986 KINGS OF THE TOURNAMENT CHESSBOARD

The following is a list of 1st place finishers in each of the tournaments held in North Dakota during 1986. Our Hats off for a Year-end review.

Jan. 11-12	Prairie Pawnstorm '86'	Gilbert Sommerfield
Jan. 23-26	14th Bison Open	S.A. Popel + Jon Heimarck
Feb. 01-02	Minot Winterfest	Bruce Davidson
Feb. 22	J-town Tornado I	B. Davidson + J. Stanfiel
Feb. 23	J-town Tornado II	Lyle Hanson + Ron Schauer
Mar. 23-30	ND Scholastic - Elementary	John Engel + Jeff Walz
	- Junior High	Mike Sailer
	- Senior High	Steve Lengenfelder
Apr. 13-21	1986 ND Closed	D. Lindseth, J. Stanfield, R. Case, +
May. 24	Pawn Wars 86/1	J. Stanfield + J. Triggs
May 31- Jun. 1	ND State Team Championships	Cliff Berger + B. Askvig
June 21	Pawn Wars 86/2	Jerry Triggs
Aug. 16	Pawn Wars 86/3	Jerry Triggs
Sep. 6-7	2nd Queen City Open	Jerry Triggs
Sep. 27-28	2nd Kalaka International	J. Triggs + S. Mertz
Oct. 11	Pawn Wars 86/4	J. Stanfield + J. Leitel
Oct. 17-19	22nd ND open	Nels Truelson + S.A. Popel
Nov. 1-2	9th Bismarck Open	Rick Case
Nov. 22	Pawn Wars 86/5	Jerry Triggs

The above list does not include novice tourneys, and represents only the rated events, with the exception of the elementary section of the ND Scholastic.

1987 ND SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT
Held at the Doublewood Ramada Inn

at the

Doublewood Ramada Inn
Bismarck, North Dakota

A 5 Round Swiss Pairing System Tournaments
Sponsored by the ND Chess Association & the Bismarck Chess Club

SECTIONS

High School: Grades 10,11 & 12; Junior High: Grades 7,8 & 9;
Elementary: Grades 1 thru 6. (Players will play within their
respective sections unless the number of players in a section is
less than 10. Players from out state schools will also be
other unless absolutely necessary.)

PRIZES PER SECTION

1st Place Individual will receive a trophy and
a 1 year membership to USCF and NDCS

2nd Place Individual will receive a trophy and
a 1 year membership to NDCS

1st Place Team (4 players from same school all in
one section) will receive a trophy and a 1
year membership in NDCS for each team member.

ENTRY FEES

High School and Junior High: \$5.00 per player or \$16.00 per 4
player team if entered at the same time. These sections will be
nationally rated BUT USCF and NDCS memberships will NOT BE
REQUIRED.

Elementary: \$3.00 per player or \$10.00 per 4 player team if
entered at the same time. This section will not be nationally
rated.

Registration from 9:00-9:45 AM on Saturday, March 28.

ROUNDS

Elementary - All on Saturday
1. 10:00 AM 2. 11:00 AM
3. 1:00 PM 4. 2:00 PM 5. 3:00 PM

Jr & Sr High - Saturday 1. 10:00 AM 2. 1:00 PM 3. 4:00 PM
Sunday 4. 10:00 AM 5. 1:00 PM

For more information or to send entry fees, contact: Terry Ness
1537 Omaha Drive Bismarck, ND 58501 Phone: 222-3965

LET'S PLAY CHESS ! ! !

PAWN WARS FINAL

The final battle in the Pawn Wars series took place at the Elk's edge, in South Bismarck, on Saturday, Nov. 22, 1986. There is nothing new to report on the class of play, as this battle lived up to all of the standards of past altercations. Jerry Triggs and John Stanfield fought it out on board 1, in what was a surprisingly short confrontation, as Triggs put the finishing touches on his 1st Pawn Wars Commander-in-Chief title with his 4th tourney title in this year's 5 tourney series. All-in-all, Jerry's performance was overpowering. Throughout the series, he scored an overall record of 13 wins, 1 loss, and 1 draw. It is interesting to note that the only spots on his record were both put there by Stanfield, who had a 1/1/1 record against Triggs. John's overall record was 7 wins, 1 loss, and 1 draw. One wonders how tight a race we would have had if Stanfield had been able to make all 5 of the series tourneys.

With only 8 players at the final battle, it was the lightest turnout of the series. Yet never-the-less, the pawn wars was a definite success with an average turnout of 10 1/2 players per event. And the last battle was the only one with less than 10 combatants.

With a total of 23 players competing throughout the length of the series, I am looking forward to next years Pawn Wars, the 3rd year of the new Pawn Wars. Will Jerry Triggs defend his title, or will Rick Case win back the title he won last year, or will a new leader step forth to take upon themselves the mantle of Commander-in-Chief? Stay tuned for the next episode in the continuing saga of Pawn Wars!!!

Joseph Gagner
Director

PAWN WARS 86 -- Final Standings

Pcs.	Name	Record	Total
01	Jerry Triggs	13/1/1	13 1/2
02	John Stanfield	7/1/1	7 1/2
	Mike Sailer	7/7/1	7 1/2
04	Cliff Berger	4/3/5	6 1/2
05	Rick Case	5/5/2	6
06	John Leitel	5/0/1	5 1/2
07	LaMoyné Splichal	3/2/4	5
08	Steve Lengenfelder	4/4/1	4 1/2
09	Joe Gagner	3/5/1	3 1/2
10	Brent Askvig	3/3/0	3
11	Ron Schauer	2/0/1	2 1/2
12	Steve Turmo	1/0/2	2
	Hernandez, Jeff	2/1/0	2
	Dale Sailer	2/4/0	2
	John Wetsch	2/7/0	2
	Sean Olsen	2/7/0	2
17	Silvano Bentzel	1/4/1	1 1/2
18	Dave Rosley	1/2/0	1
	Zane Stearns	1/2/0	1
	Rex Kriederman	1/2/0	1
	Alan Verbitsky	1/2/0	1
22	Neil Wenberg	0/5/1	1/2
23	Kasey Meyers	0/3/0	0

Special Congratulations to the following:

Jerry Triggs - Champion
John Leitel - Undefeated
Ron Schauer - Undefeated
Steve Turmo - Undefeated
Mike Sailer - Perfect Attendance!!
Jerry Triggs - Perfect Attendance!!
Cliff Berger - Draw King (5)

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PAWN WARS 86/5 - 11/22/86

Eik's Lodge, Bismarck, ND

TD: Joe Gagner TC: 40/120 - 12/30

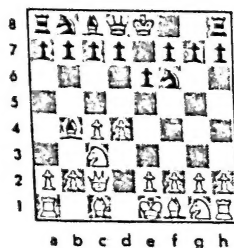
Name	Rating	EC.1	EC.2	EC.3	W-L-T
01 Triggs, Jerry	1838	W-5	W-4	W-2	3
02 Stanfield, John	1865	W-6	W-7	L-1	2
03 Hernandez, Jeff	1836	L-7	W-6	W-8	2
04 Case, Rick	1827	W-8	L-1	W-7	2
05 Sailer, Mike	1576	L-1	L-8	W-6	1
06 Wetsch, John	1487	L-2	L-3	L-5	0
07 Langenfelder, Steve	1473	W-3	L-2	L-4	1
08 Gagner, Joe	1417	L-4	W-5	L-3	1

Prizes:

1st over 1800: Jerry Triggs -- \$13.00

1st Under 1800: M. Sailer, S. Langenfelder, J. Gagner
--- \$4.33 each.

Trophy for overall Pawn Wars Championship: Jerry Triggs



How Not to Play the Nimzo-Indian

by Brent A. Askvig

The following game was played in the USA vs. Spain correspondence chess match, under the auspices of the ICCF (International Correspondence Chess Federation). My team captain, while notifying me of my opponent, included these words in his letter, "... do not underestimate your opponent." Unfortunately, I did not heed his words closely enough.

A vs. Spain, Board 71 - Juan Gonzalo Rodriguez Alonso - Brent A. Askvig
mzo-Indian Defense. 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 (see diagram.
e Classical Variation regarded as a "older" system, it has been extensively analysed.) 4...b6 (Black attempts a Rubenstein-Queen's Indian
tup against White's Nimzo. Although not as aggressive as the normal
ntinuations of ...d5 or ...c5, it does put powerful pressure on the
3-h1 diagonal. Also, it quickly takes White out of the book!) 5 e4 Bb7
Bd3 d5 7 e5 (7 e5 e5 8 cd5 probably opens up the game too much for
White's taste.) 7 ...dc4 (A little risky, but Black wants to keep the
Bishop alive.) 8 Qa4+ Bc6? (Oops. Black is blinded by the enticing
2 square. Better is Nc6, of course.) 9 Qb4 Bg2 (Aha! A rook!!)
Q e6 cd3 11 f6? Rg8 12 Bh6! (An important move. It sets up the threat
f Qf8+, decimating Black's K-side while trading a pawn for a rook.)
2 ...Qd6? (Instead, 12...Nd7 with Qf6 to follow.) 13 Qb5+ Nd7 14 Qd3
f6 (or else White jumps on the Black K-side again. The attempt ...0-0-0
s still trouble after 15 Qa6+ and if 15 ...Kb8, then 16 Nb5. 15 ...Bb7
s better for Black here, though.) 15 Bg5 Nd5 16 Nf3 Rg7 (Black can't
ake the white rook yet as Qh7 "hurts real bad.") 17 Ne4 Qb4+ (Maybe
lack has a chance now!?) 18 Bd2 Qb2 (Gobble one.) 19 Rb1 Qa2
Gobble two.) 20 Rg1 (Oh no! Now the rook is gone. The Bishop is
inned. The Queen ate too many pawns and has no comfortable place to
it!! What can Black do, but ... run for the hills!) 20 ...a5 21 Qb5+
e7 22 Bg5+ Rg5 (too bad, but the hills are covered also!) 23 Nf5 Be4
A last ditch effort.) 24 Ne4 f5 25 Nd2 (But that is covered too.
he try Nc3 is met by 26 Rg7+ Kf6 27 Qe5 mate, or 26 ...Kf8 27 Qd7 with
ate next move.) Black resigns.

TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

- Jan. 10-11 Prairie Pawnstorm I and II
Ivanhoe Inn, 22 E. Villard, Dickinson, ND
Two 1-day, 3-round events. EF: \$0 (\$10 for both days)
TL: 30-1 - Game-1 REG: 9:00 - 9:45 AM RDS: 10/1:30/5
Cash prizes as per entries. Pre-entries to Lamoyne Splichal.
- Jan. 10-11 Prairie Pawnstorm Novice - Unrated
Ivanhoe Inn, 22 E. Villard, Dickinson, ND
Two 1-day, 3-round events. Open to all players who have
played less than 20 USCF rated games.
EF: \$12 day No chess clocks. All games to be completed
in 3 hours. REG: 9 - 9:45 AM (Sat. or SUN.)
RDS: 10/1:30/5 Send Pre-entries to Lamoyne Splichal,
141 East 5th, Dickinson, ND 58601 PH:225-8395.
- Jan. 24-25 15th Bison Open
SSS, TC: 35/90, Reserve section for players under 1400.
NDSU Memorial Union, NDSU Campus, Fargo, ND 58102
EF: \$18 (Open section) \$8 (reserved section) if rcvd. 1/23
\$20 and \$10 at site.
USCF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR ALL PLAYERS.
NDCA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR ND Residents only.
Prizes as per entries. REG: 8:30 - 9:30 Sat.
RDS: 10/2/6 Sat., 10/2 Sun. Limited Smoking, NC,WA
Pre-entries to FM Chess, 714 18th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103
- Jan 31 St. Paul Winter Carnival (4 Sections)
and Premier: Open to over 1900. 4 SS; TL:
Feb 1 45/2; EF \$25; PZ: 1st trophy & \$150,
1 2nd trophy & \$100, under 2100 trophy
& \$80. Rds: 10-3 Sat, 10-3 Sun.
Amateur: Open to 1500-2000. 5SS; TL:
40/90; EF \$20; PZ: 1st trophy & \$80,
2nd trophy & \$60, under 1800 trophy
& \$40. Rds: 10-2-6 Sat, 12-4 Sun.
Reserve: Open to under 1600 or Unr.
3 SS; TL: 45/90; EF \$15; PZ: trophy &
\$50, trophy & \$40, under 1400 trophy &
\$30. Rds: 10-2-6 Sat, 12-4 Sun.
Beginners': Open to players who have
never won a USCF memb and are under
1200 or unrated. 4SS; EF \$10 (\$5
juniors). PZ: USCF & MSCA memb. to
all scoring 3 or more. USCF & MSCA
NOT REQ'D. Saturday only.
All Sections: Site is Wilder Community
Playground, Case & Edgerton, St. Paul.
Advance EP \$5 less (by 1/23) in all
except Beginners. Adv Ent: Dave
Kunns, 540 67th Ave NE, Fridley, MN
55432 571-5958. USCF & MSCA req'd,
except in beginners.

Feb 94th Annual Minnesota Open
 20-22 Open (Championship) Section: EF \$18 if
 1 rec'd by 2/17, \$20 at site. Trophies
 to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, top 3 Expert, top
 3 Class A, top 2 under 16, upset.
 One year free entry in MSA events to
 1st, top expert, top under 20.
 Amateur: EF \$15 if rec'd by 2/17, \$17
 at site. Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
 top 3 Class C, top 3 Class D/E, top
 2 Unr., upset. One year free entry in
 MSCA events to 1st, top C, top D/E/Unr.
 Special advance EF \$10 under age 16.
 Both Sections: 6SS; TL: 40/40, 15/30
 Rds 1-3, 45/2, 15/30; Rds 4-6.
 Reg: 6-7pm Fri; Rds: 8, 10-2-6, 10-3.
 Site: Har-Mar Mall, 2100 N. Snelling
 Ave., St. Paul. \$50 cash may be
 taken in lieu of free entry prize.
 Top MN finishers qualify for Cham-
 pionship & Amateur playoffs, starting
 3/7 at Har-Mar. Adv. Ent.: Roy
 Truelson, 558 21st St. NE, Rochester,
 MN 55904 (507) 282-0348. No Smoking.
 USCF & MSCA required.

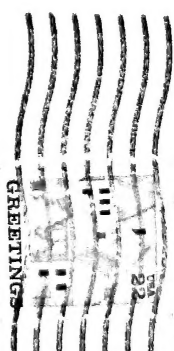
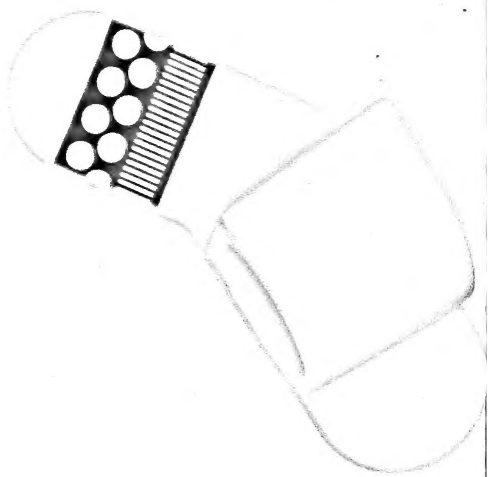
Mar. 14-15 Red River Open
 Concordia College, Moorhead, MN
 (contact Cal Wipf for Details)

Mar. 28-29 1987 ND Scholastic
 Doublewood Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND
 (see ad elsewhere in this issue)

Apr. 11-12 1987 ND Closed
 Doublewood Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND
 USCF rated, 5SS, TC: Rd.1 - 45/100 and 15/30, Rds. 2-5 - 45/2.
 REG: 9-9:45 Sat. RDS: 10/3/8 Sat., 10/3 Sun. *No SMOKING*

 Annual NDCA Membership Meeting is at 2:30 on Sat. That is
 Between the 1st and 2nd rounds.

 EF: \$15 if rec'd. by Apr. 15, and \$9 for Juniors. \$3 more at
 site.
 Open to North Dakota Residents Only. NDCA and USCF memb. req.
 PRIZES: \$500 guaranteed cash awards, based on 30 entries.
 Trophies to 1st, 2nd, and Class 1st in A, B, C, and
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